



West Valley City **POLICE**



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On January 18, 2017 at approximately 9:45 pm, West Valley City Police responded to a report of a shooting at 4100 south Hawkeye Drive. Responding officers discovered a 15-year-old male deceased on the scene.

The victim had been traveling in a van with several friends, all of whom are juveniles in their mid-teens, when they were confronted by another group in a vehicle near 3500 South Bangerter Highway. At that time, the driver of the van made statements indicating that one or more of the occupants of the other vehicle were known to him, and he began to attempt to lose them. The other driver followed the victim at high speeds, running several red lights, and weaving in and out of traffic in the area of 3500 South Bangerter and 3100 South west of Bangerter. When the victim was forced to slow down due to traffic at 4100 South Bangerter, the other driver pulled alongside the victim's vehicle and fired multiple shots. The driver was struck by at least one bullet. The victim's vehicle then turned westbound onto 4100 south in an eastbound lane, colliding with another vehicle. No one was seriously injured in that accident. There was also a dog inside the victim's vehicle which was struck by at least one bullet. The dog, which appeared to be a chihuahua, died at the scene.

The suspect vehicle is described as silver or gold colored Mitsubishi or similar vehicle. Witnesses report that the vehicle was occupied by 3-4 people. They are described as mid-to-late teens, possibly Hispanic.

Anyone with information regarding this case, or anyone who may have witnessed reckless driving involving a blue minivan and a silver or gold colored passenger car near the area between 3100 South and 4100 South Bangerter, or just west of that area, is asked to please call 801-840-4000.

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